



**RIDE-A-BIKE** for Retarded found Theresa Lennon of Tad Lane completing eight-mile effort for the worthy cause. [Greg Derr photo]

## Selectmen Divided Over Guns For Cohasset Auxiliary Police

By Judy Epstein

Selectman Rocco Laugelle voiced strong objections to the routine carrying of guns by auxiliary police despite firm backing by Civil Defense Director Lester Hiltz and Selectmen last Wednesday night.

"There's no reason for auxiliary police to carry guns. Police are big talk in this town. Guns are a big thing in the town of Cohasset. We have to start from the bottom," Laugelle remarked.

Hiltz outlines the duties of the

auxiliary police, as a Civil Defense unit and noted that the officers aren't authorized to carry weapons on scheduled training duty even if licensed as private citizens. Hiltz defended the regulations which allow auxiliary police to carry a weapon if licensed, trained in a firearms course and authorized by the chief of police while on regular duty.

Laugelle persisted in objecting to the regulation although he admitted he wasn't aware of any gun abuse.

"I've never seen an auxiliary police officer carry a gun except in Cohasset," he pointed out.

Hiltz said that Laugelle's observation, wasn't true.

"I'd be damned, if I were in a police uniform, if I'd be out there without a pistol," Hiltz remarked. "If you're going to take guns away from the auxiliary police, do away with the auxiliary police."

Laugelle felt Hiltz's comments were

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## Langmaid School Board Chairman

Jack Langmaid was elected School Committee Chairman, Monday night after tie votes beset the reorganizational meeting. Another tie vote failed to reappoint a teacher to the Deer Hill School faculty.

The Committee recessed to an open-door caucus for 45 minutes after two stalemated votes failed to elect Frank England or Langmaid, the two senior members nominated for the chair.

Diana Kornet, a newly-elected board member, supported Langmaid's nomination because she felt that his daily accessibility to the schools would be an invaluable asset to the board's functioning.

Martha Gjestebj, also a new board member, didn't agree that it was the place of the School Committee to oversee the running of the school. She supported England for chairman and emphasized his seniority and business expertise.

It was England, himself, who finally broke the tie and cast his vote for Langmaid. The final tally for Langmaid was 4-2, with Gjestebj and committee member Pat Walsh opposed.

England was unanimously elected vice-chairman. Pat Walsh became secretary by 4-2.

Supt. of Schools John Maloney brought his recommendations, as instructed, several weeks ago of the

reappointments of several non-tenure to the Committee for consideration. Maloney said he could best respond to elementary school teaching needs.

"High school elective courses are still not all computed and an accurate projection of necessary staffing can be

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## 'Secretary Bird' Drama Offering

The Cohasset Drama Club will perform "The Secretary Bird" at the Town Hall May 3, 4 and 5 at 8 p.m.

"The Secretary Bird" is a comedy by Britain's William Douglas Home and was produced at the Savoy Theater in London in 1968. Director Ubi DeBenedetto feels the play has a special literary quality as well as being an entertaining comedy.

Bob MacKay of Marshfield and Robin Lord of Cohasset play Hugh and Liz. Walford whose marriage has lost

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## The Articles That Lost & Their Future

Who of those in attendance at Town Meeting will ever forget the midnight vote that axed further plans for the proposed sewer treatment plant? Town Meeting voters also faced many other substantive articles through many gruelling hours of discussion and debate.

The Mariner has contacted the proponents of some of the more weighty articles which didn't pass at Town Meeting and recorded their ideas, suggestions and hopes for the future of those controversial matters.

Article 19, which asked for an appropriation of \$36,000 as Cohasset's share for removal of ledge rocks in the harbor, to be used in conjunction with \$15,000 held by the Army Corps of Engineers left over from a 1968 dredging project, was defeated.

Harbormaster Hary Ritter had urged townspeople to consider the menace to navigation the rocks were posing, and reminded them that Cohasset would not be in line for another maintenance dredging for 10 years.

"The town is penny wise and pound foolish," Ritter remarked last week. The townspeople "missed their chance" at winning a place on the Corps' list to blast the rocks in the harbor, a situation the town is "going to have to live with," according to Ritter. "They can add on 10 to 15 per cent to Cohasset's cost each year," he said of the project which would be

two-thirds federally funded.

The next course of action, Ritter said, would be to petition the Army Corps of Engineers for a new survey and cost estimate of the harbor's condition. The Corps would make an engineering study of the harbor. Ritter said, and a recommendation to the

town once again. But all this might take two or three years and even then the town would have to appropriate their share of the cost of the project — and prices are going up every year, he warned. "It might take an accident or

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**SEASON'S START** of Little League with opening day ceremonies finds these enthusiastic members of the Giants indicating their intention is to wind up the season as No. One. [Photo by Greg Derr]